GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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FACILITIES FOR TEACHERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new National Policy on Education has accorded highest place of honour to the teacher for their contribution in nation building;

(b) if so, whether the conditions of their services in Government schools including salaries, allowances and perks still fall far too short of their responsibility;

(c) whether the health services, support and security given to them is comparatively much less than those accorded to other Government employees, under Central Government Health Scheme;

(d) if so, whether similar (CGHS) and State Government Health facilities are proposed to be extended to them;

(e) if so, the present health security provided to teachers; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the same and bring them at par with other Government employees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (f): The role of Teachers has been well recognised in the National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992. As large number of schools are under State Governments and local bodies, the service conditions of Teachers (including their salary and other perquisites) are decided by the respective State Governments and local bodies. However, National Fund for Teacher Welfare under the Chairmanship of Minister for Human Resource Development extendssupport for basic amenities for teachers and provides assistance to teachers in indigent circumstances.